

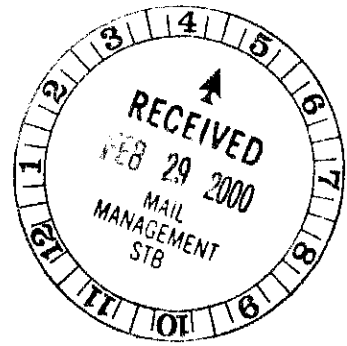
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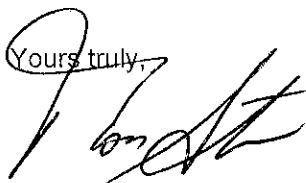
Dear Sir:

TCT Logistics is one of Canada's leading providers of Transportation, Storage and Distribution services for Grocery products, Specializing in Temperature sensitive freight. We are a major user of the rail service in Canada and the U.S. The purpose of this letter is to comment on the issues to be discussed on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000 in Ex Parte 582.

We encourage the Surface Transportation Board to focus on if the proposed CN-BNSF combination is good for shippers, not on the potential downstream effects. The CN-BNSF combination should be judged on its merits the same as other carriers proposed mergers ought to be evaluated for their merits.

The timing of the proposed CN-BNSF combination is not the main concern for TCT Logistics, our main concern is maintaining the timely service we have experienced. Recent mergers have failed on service, not because of timing. Accordingly, the Surface Transportation Board should focus on ensuring that CN-BNSF combination, and any further mergers, will and can deliver the service that they state.

The Surface Transportation Board has a comprehensive process to evaluate railroad transactions and protect the public interest. It should fairly evaluate the CN-BNSF combination according to that process. And should not let other railroads use the Surface Transportation Board process to protect themselves and not shippers.

Yours truly,  


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